

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-6, drawn to the method of making, classified in class 427, subclass 372.2.
 - II. Claim 7, drawn to the article, classified in class 428, subclass 206.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

2. Inventions of Group I and Group II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the product can be made by a materially different process. Instead of coating the substrate, placing the photomask on the coating, irradiating and heating, the coated article can be made by forming the coating and photomask separately on a release film, placing the coated film on the substrate heating to adhere the coating to the substrate then irradiating the final product.
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
4. During a telephone conversation with David Conlin on May 22, 2002 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-6.

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Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claim 7 is withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

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